Filling up of Vacancies in EIL

661. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newspaper report capationed "EIL directed to fill up vacancies" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 6th February, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when the vacancies of contract engineers and other employees will be filled up and regularised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recommendations/observations contained in the Second Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) (1999-2000) in so far as representation on behalf of all contract employees of EIL is concerned, are being processed.

(c) EIL has decided that 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/foreclosure of contract and are meeting the selection criteria.

Supply of Natural Gas to APCL

662. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry over supply to natural gas to Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. after the discussion with the MPs from Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any criteria on which the decisions have been taken?